

November 22, 1956

Oscar E. Prestegard

Oscar E. Prestegard, longtime county agent in Edmunds County, died at his home in Ipswich Wednesday night of a heart attack.

Mr. Prestegard had been ill since Monday with influenza. Mrs. Prestegard discovered Thursday morning that he had passed away during the night.

Mr. Prestegard was born February 14, 1887, near James, in Brown County. He was graduated from Central High School in Aberdeen and Northern State Teachers College. He took graduate work at the University of Wyoming and Colorado A. & M. He worked four years with a mining firm in Colorado and spent one year testing concentrates in California. He farmed three years in Montana and 16 years in Brown County.

Mr. Prestegard joined the Extension Service in 1935 as Campbell County agent. He transferred to Edmunds County in 1937 and has been there since that time. He was president of the County Agents' Association in 1944 and in 1945 he received the Distinguished Service Award of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Prestegard made an extensive tour to Norway and other European countries.

Services were held at 2:00 p. m., Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Baptist church in Ipswich. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Paetznick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his widow.